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2nd ROK Army plays major role in UFL

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Soldiers from all over the world came to Korea, Aug. 17-30, to participate in the Ulchi Focus Lens 2002 exercise, the largest simulated-supported, theater-wide joint and combined command post exercise.

Many American soldiers had the opportunity to see and understand the U.S. involvement, but had little understanding of what role the Republic of Korea played during the combined forces exercise.

Each year during UFL, the ROK Army conducts exercises at the Battle Simulation Center, the Second Republic of Korea Army is divided into two teams, controllers and players.

Controllers set up and maintain the computer systems during each exercise.

Players execute the simulations on the computers, and work directly with the U.S. Forces Korea.

In the BSC, there are about 300 players and controllers during the exercise.

"Our controllers consist of two groups, working 12-hours shifts, ensuring the players have no technical problems while conducting their simulated missions," said Maj. Kim, Byung-ryool, assistant head controller of BSU SROKA.

"Last year I was a controller for the BSC during UFL," said Sgt. 1st Class Kim, Sung-gul, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 5th Logistic Support Command team for the simulated exercise. "But as a real player in the stimulations this year, I learned a lot from the U.S. soldiers on military technology, as well as cultural misunderstandings I have had in

the past."

"A lot of the exercises conducted here prepare us for battle and made us think twice about things," said Kim. "Working with the USFK eliminates a lot of errors in our maneuvers, and I think we should do more exercises, such as this."

In the past, SROKA participated in various exercises with USFK such as Team Spirit, Foal Eagle, Ulchi Focus Lens, and RSOI exercises without USFK involvement. However, there were some issues that needed improvement for future exercises, Kim said.

"We need more translators," said Kim. "What I have noticed out of the four exercises I have participated in the past is the number of translators we have is very low. It's true we have worked out a lot of difficulties with the USFK in the past and

present, though in the future, I believe that we definitely need more translators."

"Other issues we have are the maps USFK is using. They are still using old maps that mark territories incorrectly," said Kim. "Areas such as Dok-do, which is Korean territory, is still marked as Japanese territory on the maps we use today. To avoid misunderstandings, I believe it would be beneficial to update the current maps that we are using," said Kim.

UFL brings both the SROKA and the USFK together working as one, explained 1 Lt. Lee, Min-joong, SROKA public affairs officer.

"The most important thing, above all, is understanding and knowing whom you are working with for this mission to be successful," he said.

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25th Trans Bn. carries out its EXEVAL in Daegu

Story, photo by Cpl. Jang, Dong-woo
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CAMP GEORGE -- In conjunction with Ulchi Focus Lens 2002, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment of the 25th



Soldiers with the 25th Tran. Bn. are evaluated during their EXEVAL Aug. 20. Cpl. Lee, Won-chae, with the 19th TSC role plays as an enemy espionage agent.

Transportation Battalion conducted its External Evaluation, known as EXEVAL, here Aug. 20. Planning for the event began in March.

EXEVAL is a process where someone from outside the command evaluates the organization's fulfillment of its Mission Essential Tasking List.

"What I'm looking at as an observer/controller, is to see how the organization conducts its business," said Sgt. Maj. Mark McCoy, Headquarters, Headquarters and Company 19th Theater Support Command, the observer/controller of the EXEVAL.

The mission of the day for the 25th Transportation's HHD was to carry out a Jump Tactical Operation Center maneuver, where a detachment had to move its tents and equipment from one spot to another for tactical purposes.

EXEVAL gives units a snapshot of where they stand with their wartime METL, said McCoy. He continued to explain that after EXEVAL is over, a detailed After Action Report is conducted giving commanders and the staff an idea of what direction they need to go in planning and preparing for next year's training.

Units will either need to sustain what they're doing, or pick-up the tempo in their training until they're up-to-speed and proficient in their METL, McCoy said.

He further explained that EXEVAL tests Standard Operating Procedures, priorities, how units get from one spot to another, and how fast units can set back up and begin operations again, said McCoy. "The unit is supposed to be able to operate continuously."

"Most units have these operations that work out in the fields. Some are in tents - some are in vehicles - so you have to have a good idea of the footprint you're going to make when you do this sort of thing," said McCoy. "It's important they are efficient when they do this."

A hidden test was included in this year's EXEVAL. Cpl. Lee, Won-chae, a HHC, 19th TSC KATUSA soldier was hidden within the perimeter of the exercise's location, acting as an enemy espionage agent collecting information of the operation's movement.

"Another part of evaluation is to see how they react to different situation," McCoy said. "Things are going to happen in a wartime situation. Soldiers are going to get hurt. Equipment is going to break. You may or may not have a chemical attack. Those are inserted in the EXEVAL to see how they react. It's not a pass or fail scenario. It's more to give soldiers an idea of what they need to work on during their training."

The HHD reconnaissance team later captured Lee. The team then followed the reporting procedure evaluation where they processed Lee as a Prisoner-of-War. They also took his notes and gave it to their KATUSA to learn what he was writing about.

"It was effective," said Sgt 1st Class Shari Dixon, HHD 25th Transportation Bn. "It showed us what we need to sustain, and what we need to improve on. We try to give the soldiers the best quality of training they can get in the environment we are in."

"I've noticed how communication is important in a battle field, if you lose communication, you can't move, you can't talk, you can't do anything," Dixon said.

Even though the EXEVAL was conducted in the midst of UFL, soldiers said they didn't mind.

"It was my first time doing this kind of training," said Pfc. Kim, Jin-sung, HHD 25th Transportation Bn. "It was hard because of the hot weather, but I learned a lot, especially about leadership skill and communication. It was hard training, but I enjoyed it, and I'm happy to be a part of this team."

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Permanent school bus monitors approved for Korea in June 2002 giving parents a sense of security.

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DoD makes changes improving safety, security for children

Kevin Jackson
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY -- A Department of Defense directive that prohibited the use of security attendants on school buses in the Republic of Korea has been permanently changed to improve safety and security for children.

Before the 19th Theater Support Command’s Reinvention Lab intervened, DoD Directive 4500.36-R, “Management, Acquisition and Use of Motor Vehicles,” restricted the use of security attendants to vehicles with handicapped students enrolled in the preschool program, or in kindergarten through second grade.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense approved the school bus waiver in May 2000 for Korea for a maximum period of two years. The 19th TSC Reinvention Lab’s subsequent request for a permanent change to allow security attendants on school buses in Korea was approved for in June 2002.

Security attendants legally began riding on Department of Defense Dependents Schools’ buses in Korea in May 2000. The attendants are responsible for ensuring the children’s safety during their commute to school.

According to Bob Denny, DODDS Korea District transportation supervisor, the security attendants are responsible for maintaining order inside the bus, ensuring and assisting children with putting on their safety belts, placing them in booster seats if required, and checking school bus passes as the children enter and exit the bus. The attendants also report any incidents or accidents to the Pacific Area Transportation Management Office, which will take corrective actions.

“It makes me feel more comfortable knowing that their

safety is being considered,” said Patrick A. Roach, the Camp Carroll transportation officer, whose 15-year-old son Daniel rides the bus daily from Waegwan to Taegu American School. “Somebody in a supervisory position has to be there to take care of the children. The bus driver can’t look after kids while driving at the same time.”

Even before force protection conditions increased following the terrorist attacks on the United States nearly one year ago, former Area III and IV commanders Col. John House and Col. Clarence Newby, respectively, sought a waiver to add qualified security attendants to school buses, according to 19th TSC Reinvention Lab analyst Tony Vicente. The 20th SG/Area IV transportation officer Gerald Keener submitted the necessary documents to support the Area IV commander’s request.

According to Vicente, one-way commutes from Area III and IV installations to schools range from about 40 to 90 minutes, depending on traffic conditions. The commute from Camp Humphreys to the Osan American School is the shortest and the trip from Chinhae Naval Base to Pusan American School at Camp Hialeah is the longest.

“I have been in Korea a long time,” Vicente said. “Driving in Korea is a challenge. I have two kids and if my kids had to ride the bus from Chinhae to Busan every day, I would feel very uncomfortable knowing there is only one person [the driver] looking out for the safety and well-being of those kids.”

While waivers were introduced as a means to reinvent government and to improve business whenever possible, they are not without limitations and must be reviewed by the Chief Counsel to ensure a law doesn’t bind the policy to be revised. -- *Contributing writer, Cpl. Kim, Won-joong*

Bicycle safety in Korea is no laughing matter

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With school about to start, people riding bicycles will soon increase. Those people are children. They will be riding on-post, off-post, and throughout the city. That’s why it’s important not to forget about safety. Especially for drivers.

On a clear sunny afternoon bicycling off-post, a taxi hit Staff Sgt. James Thomas from behind. He was, in fact, wearing a reflector vest and helmet, which is the main reason he is alive today.

“The preventive measure of the vest didn’t work that day,” Thomas said. “But I am glad I wore my helmet.

Thomas added people need to be safe and remember to always wear their helmet and vest please.

Every year, more than 800 people die in the U.S. from car/bike collision. The main reason for their deaths is due to head injuries. Even those who survive from accidents who did not wear proper headgear suffer major complica-

tions throughout their lives in the future, explained Chang, Sun Tal, Safety Specialist for the 19th TSC.

The following rules are mandatory for all military and non-military members riding on- or off-post.

All personnel operating or riding on bicycles, skateboards and roller skates, while on a public roadway, street, bicycle path, or any right-of-way under USFK jurisdiction, will wear a protective helmet and a reflective vest.

Bicycles used during hours of darkness will be equipped with front and rear operational lights

Personnel operating or riding on bicycles must comply with established traffic laws.

“Bikers should always make sure to wear their helmets and vest. If driving, always look in all directions when making a right turn on intersections. This is where accidents happen most,” said Chang. “Also, follow the speed limit. Driving safely reduces most of the accidents we have. Be aware that bikers and pedestrians too.”

Reinvention lab work improves Quality of Life for military, non-military members

Kevin Jackson
Area IV Public Affairs Officer

Reinvention Labs were created and empowered throughout the federal government to fundamentally change how federal agencies conduct business. It operates from the premise that current processes are inappropriate and changes are necessary to make federal agencies operate more efficiently.

The 19th Theater Support Command Reinvention Lab, which lab is part of the Directorate of Base Operations Strategic Systems Office, was approved by the Secretary of the Army and created at Yongsan in October 1996.

Since it’s creation, the lab has worked on several other issues to improve the quality of life for soldiers, civilian employees and their families living in Korea.

Several of its accomplishments include securing Living Quarters Allowance for Area I to help attract qualified civilian employees.

The lab is now working to improve the equitable distribution of LQA among Korea’s four geographical areas. Tony Vicente, an analyst in the lab, said the current system creates unintended financial burdens for some employees.

“Many people who work in Area I live in Area II,” Vicente said. “Why, because Area II has better and more housing options. They find it very hard to survive in Seoul with the LQA paid for Area I, where the cost of living is much lower. They really need good luck to find a decent, affordable house in Seoul for \$25,000.”

Requesting a waiver to Department of Defense or Department of Army regulations, as the lab did initially to add security attendants to school buses in Korea, is just one of the tools available to labs.

Waivers have limitations and must be reviewed by the Chief Counsel to ensure a law doesn’t bind the policy to be revised.

“An important aspect here is that we have a Reinvention Lab that will support these waivers if people bring them to my attention,” Vicente said. He encourages soldiers, civilian employees and family members to address their concerns to the lab.

The Army currently has 48 Reinvention Labs.

For more information about the lab and how it can help to improve the quality of life in Korea, contact Tony Vicente at 738-4462 or at VicenteA@usfk.korea.army.mil. -- *Contributing writer, Cpl. Kim, Won-joong*

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Memorial Service held for two pilots in helicopter crash

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CAMP EAGLE -- A memorial service was held Aug. 26 for two AH-64A Apache helicopter pilots, 1st Lt. Dustin Shannon, 23, and Chief Warrant Officer James Wallenburg, 40, both of B Troop, 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, who died when their Apache helicopter went down during a low-altitude night training mission.

The two were declared missing Aug. 22 just after taking off from Camp Page in Chun Chon City and were enroute back to Camp Eagle in Wonju.

The aircraft was found Aug. 23, approximately 13 miles south of Camp Page in a heavily wooded area on a mountain side.

The memorial service was held at Camp Page Aug. 26 with an estimated attendance of more than 250 family members, friends, colleagues, and soldiers.

"We know this is not a easy life we chose to live," said Lt. Col. Jerry Egbert, 1-6th Cavalry Regiment Commander, in his remarks. "It's a extremely dangerous profession. Those who preceded us made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom."

The ceremony began with an invocation by Capt. (Chaplain) Ladislao Hernandez, 1-6th Cavalry Regiment, who was followed by remarks from many follow officers who worked with Shannon and Wallenburg.

"While they will no longer stand in our formations, we must ensure the lessons learned from this accident are never forgotten," said Egbert. "For they gave their lives defending freedom, and it is now our responsibility to learn everything we can from their sacrifice so we can protect lives in the future. They would request nothing less of us."

"I believe the reason Dustin worked so hard was because he cared deeply for the soldiers he worked with every day," said 1st Lt. Guyton Robinson, 1-6th Cavalry Regiment, about Shannon.

"Jim wasn't here for the pay check. He was here because he loved flying, loved camaradery and loved this country," said Chief Warrant Officer Christian O'Neil, 1-6th Cavalry Regiment, about Wallenburg.

After the remarks from the officers, a final roll-call of B Troop was taken. In place of the "present" response Shannon and Wallenburg would call have called out, there was only silence. Following the roll-call, an Honor Guard fired off volleys and "Taps" was played as soldiers presented arms (saluted) one last time to their fallen comrades.

1st Lt. Dustin Shannon was born on October 6, 1978 in San Diego. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in May 2000, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Aviation. He was assigned as the Attack Platoon Leader of B-Troop. Shannon is survived by his parents and one brother.

Chief Warrant Officer James J. Wallenburg was born on December 22, 1961 at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan. He enlisted in the Army in 1982 and was commissioned as a warrant officer in 1989 as an AH-1 Cobra pilot. He was assigned as the Safety Officer for B Troop. Wallenburg is survived by his wife and daughter.



At a memorial service, fellow soldiers of two pilots killed in an Apache helicopter crash stand in silents. The Apache helicopter was declared missing Aug. 22, and was later found Aug. 23 about 13 mile south of Camp Page in a heavily wooded area on a mountain side.

Bonifas-Barrett ceremony commemorates 26 years

Story and photo by Pfc. Won, Hong-yun
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Hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8180, the Bonifas-Barrett Memorial Ceremony, commemorating the 26th anniversary of the ax murders of Maj. Arthur G. Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark T. Barrett by North Korean soldiers in Panmunjom on Aug. 18 1976, was held at the Eighth Army Memorial Aug. 16.

The Ceremony was held to honor the memory of two U. S. Army officers who gave their lives while serving their country in the Republic of Korea.

"After 26 years, the loss of these great officers still burdens our souls. Today, we celebrate their life and legacy, their commitment and dedication to principles that we all hold dear," said Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Zanini, commanding general, Eighth U.S. Army.

"They were both noble officers of courage, character, and loyalty. These two dedicated officers epitomize the selfless service to duty, honor and country and we remember them and thank them for the sacrifice they made," Zanini said.

On August 18, 1976, a work detail entered the joint security area to trim a Normandy Poplar tree that obscured the view from a United Nations Command checkpoint. The four-foot diameter tree stood approximately 80 feet high and was located near the bridge of no return.

Anywhere else, this tree, thick with foliage, would have been a welcome retreat from the hot summer sun. However, this tree in the Joint Security Area, blocked an important line of sight and needed to be pruned so servicemembers could continue their mission.

At 10:30 a.m., a UNC work-force of five KSC personnel accompanied by a UNC security force, including Maj. Bonifas and 1st Lt. Barrett and one ROK officer, went to the tree and began pruning it.

What was to transpire thereafter was the brutal attack and murder of Maj. Bonifas and 1st Lt. Barrett. They died doing their duty for a mission vital to the security of the great Republic of Korea and U.S. alliance, a mission of deterrence that still is as important today.

"The greatest price any country must pay for its freedom is the loss of one of its own. We may have lost Maj. Arthur Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett 26 years ago, but we gained the knowledge that uncommon valor survives in the ranks and shows itself when



The Bonifas-Barrett memorial ceremony was held at the 8th Army Memorial. Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Zanini shows his respect at the monument of the deceased.

freedom is threatened," Zanini said.

Representatives from all over the peninsula came to pay their respect. Zanini representing United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea showed his respect by placing Floral Tributes to the monument.

VFW Officers, Korean Veterans Association, U.S. Embassy Representative, American Chamber of Commerce in Korea, Chapter 13, Special Forces Association, Yongsan Sgt. Maj. Association, Non

Commissioned Officers Association and Pup Tent 10, Military Order of the Cootie also showed their respect with floral tribute. With the invocation of VFW Chaplain and the rifle salute of UNC Honor Guard the Bonifas-Barrett Memorial Ceremony was concluded.

"Until there is peace, we must use this occasion as a reminder that freedom and democracy are worth fighting for, and that the people and future generations of the Republic of Korea demand our best in deterrence everyday," Zanini said.

Camp Page soldiers brings joy, games and goodies to Korean children



2nd Lt. Michael L. Wesolek
542nd Medical Company

CAMP PAGE -- Recently, Soldiers from the 542nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 52nd Medical Battalion visited a local orphanage in Chunchon as part of a their drive to support the local community.

The personnel with the 542nd, collected donations from within their company.

The soldiers then put the money to good use when then purchased more than 50 toys, as well as candy and cookies, for the children.

They delivered the goodies to the awaiting children and spent quality-time with them by becoming the

ultimate play-dated.

This was not the first time that members of the 542nd Medical Company (AA) were able to spend time with children from the orphanage. In June, soldiers visited the orphanage.

The children were invited to Camp Page, by the post chaplain, for bowling and pizza at the Community Activity Center.

The 542nd Medical Co. (AA) soldiers were there to help teach the game of bowling and assist the children make strikes. They also helped keep the children's faces clean of pizza sauce.

The support that the 542nd Medical Company (AA) and Camp Page gives is very appreciated, said an orphanage representative

Maj. Matthew E. Mattner, former commander of the 542nd Medical Company (AA), is greeted by children at the Chunchon Orphanage in a recent visit.

Serving soldier during UFL Priority #1

Story and photo by Pfc. William J. Addison
444th MPAD NJ Army National Guard

CAMP HENRY -- There are three promises every recruiter makes when joining the U.S. Army: You *will* get paid, you *will* get sleep, and you *will* be fed.

The military and civilian staff of the Camp Henry consolidated dining facility is making that last promise a reality during the annual Ulchi Focus Lens exercise.

Preparations for this year's UFL began two months prior to the event, according to Staff Sgt. Colleen Gordon, NCOIC of the 20th ASG's consolidated dining facility. Gordon said that the first step in preparing for UFL was to find out exactly how many soldiers they would need to feed.

"They gave us a projected head count for the day to be about 500 to 600 personnel, and about 100 for the midnight meal," Gordon said. "Right now we are feeding about 400 during the daytime and over 100 at night."

Gordon continued to explain once the projected head count was established, the command authorized the hiring of 11 Korean National contract workers to assist the current staff in supplying meals to the additional military personnel.

Along with more workers, it was projected the dinning facility staff would need to order double its regular food supply to support the operation.

"That's been the biggest worry for us -- if we have enough food for everybody," said Gordon.

To accommodate the different shifts soldiers participating in UFL have, regular dinning facility working and eating hours were extended.

Breakfast, which was originally from 7 till 8:30, is being served from 4:30 till 8, lunch from 11a.m. till 1 p.m., dinner from 4:30 till 8:00 and a midnight meal from 10 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Gordon said the military staff is now working in two 12-hour shifts to make sure all the UFL soldiers, no matter what shift they work, are getting the meals they require.

"When our midnight shift gets off, our morning crew is coming in. We don't even shut the doors," she said.

The schedule has been especially difficult on Pvt. Sophia Cumbee, HHC 20th ASG, who arrived travel weary from Advanced Individual Training in Ft. Lee Va., one



Pvt. Sophia Cumbee, left, with the HHC 20th ASG, ensures Sgt. Stephen Bryan, right, with HHC 19th TSC get his proper serving size during lunch. Cumbee, and the rest of the 20th ASG dinning facility staff fed more than 400 soldiers at lunch daily during UFL 2002.

day prior to UFL. Cumbee said that the first day was hard, but she has been able to adjust to the grueling schedule in part through the support of the staff, as well as her own motivation to serve the troops.

Sgt. Glenda Anguiano, HHC 20th ASG, has been providing soldiers with their meals for 11 years.

"I'm used to it," she said remarking on the longer hours. "It's worth it, I love my job," she said.

"Customer service is number one," said Cumbee, "The soldiers come in here tired from a hard days training and if I greet them with a friendly attitude maybe I can at least make coming here something they

enjoy."

The amount of planning and preparation has enabled the staff to keep problems to a minimum.

"In any kind of large operation you are going to run out of some things," said Gordon, "We've run into a few glitches with running out of food on line, but the soldiers have been very understanding up to this point."

Gordon said that the staff is prepared to meet the challenge of feeding the soldiers who come to Camp Henry. "Our job never changes no matter what the mission is, we're going to order the food, put our people online, and feed the soldiers," said Gordon.

JRC helps tired UFL participants find their way

1st Lt. Jon Powers
444th MPAD, NJ Army National Guard

CAMP HENRY -- Travel worn participants for Ulchi Focus Lens 2002 arrived by the hundreds at airports across the Korean peninsula, Aug. 17.

Their first stop, the Joint Reception Centers for inprocessing. The JRC ensures service members inprocess properly, and direct them to their final destinations.

"It's our job to make sure every arrival makes a smooth transition to their work sites and billets while maintaining a

failsafe system of accountability," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Cannon, USMC Reserves, Camp Smith, HI.

There are three JRC's established for UFL 2002. These are strategically placed at Yongsan, Osan and Camp Henry. The JRC at Camp Henry is a combination of processing station, life support center and welcome center.

The primary question in the minds of recent arrivals is sleeping arrangements. At Camp Henry, 1st Lt. Stacey Walker and Staff Sgt. Harold Lakin, both from the 232nd Combat Service Battalion, Illinois Army National Guard, have the responsibility to put their charges to bed.

"Bunks are assigned on a first come first serve basis," said Walker. "We also take into consideration their needs and give them the best space available."

Fortunately, technology has given Life Support Area personnel a valuable tool.

"We need to know where everybody is and still maintain the traffic flow,"

said Lakin. Using an Excel spreadsheet to record the bed assignments and transferring that information to a country-wide database, which can locate any UFL participant anywhere in Korea.

"The only problems we have are the unauthorized bed moves," Lakin explained, "but we make rounds at the beginning of every shift and take care of those right away."

The staff has other responsibilities as well.

"Sometimes we are the building superintendent," Lakin said.

Explaining they deal with quality issues such as air conditioner breakdowns and plumbing problems. Using the expertise of the 20th Area Support Group and local contractors all the reported problems were fixed almost immediately.

Maj. Loren Weeks is the designated Officer in Charge, he said. "The 232nd is war traced to the 19th Theater Support Command, and being here helps us to understand the Korean theater, and make the connections we will use in the future."

The variety of missions involved with working in the JRC has given Weeks the opportunity to "understand everyone's piece of the pie."

"Coordination with other camps, issuing of emergency leave, and transportation test the flow of information for those coming and those already here," he said.

The JRC has placed an emphasis on the joint aspect. Service members from the Navy, Marines and Army, both Active and Reserve, are currently working in the JRC. "It's been a seamless integration of all services," Weeks said.

Since the JRC is staffed 24-hours a day there is always someone on duty to answer a question.

According to Cannon, the most important job at the JRC is getting information to the troops. "Good 100 percent accurate information."

"The three JRC's are the heartbeat of the camps. We deal with the (participants) first, last and every day in between," he said



8th Army Band brings weapons, military vehicals, their instruments to pull guard duty at UFL 2002

Sgt. Sheryl Lawry
19th TSC Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER -- Multitasking is key if you're a member of the 8th Army Band, Headquartered in Seoul. From Aug. 17 to 30 the Band preformed their bi-annual commitment to the Ulchi Focus Lens event.

UFL is the largest simulation-supported, theater-wide joint and combined command post exercise.

In a recent message to the troops, Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander in chief for U.S. Forces Korea, CFC, and United Nations Command, said, The purpose of UFL is to exercise joint and combined plans and procedures associated with the execution of the OPLAN for the defense of the Republic of Korea.

The exercise involves the majority of units stationed throughout the peninsula. For the 8th Army Band, their mission is to secure and guard Command Post Oscar.

"In wartime, it's the band's missions to guard the general Tactical Operations Center," said Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Campbell, commander/conductor of the 8th Army Band.

"We are responsible for providing an active patrol 24-hours a day, seven days a

week."

Pulling guard duty of this magnitude at CPO, and other places, is not new to the band, whether its the 8th Army Band or another station elsewhere, Campbell explained.

Soldiers coming from division units are familiar with the duty, he said. The ones who are new, or have not been apart of a division, are trained up before the exercise takes place.

Our training is an ongoing process, and we used sergeant's time to help prepare," he said regarding the band's method of gearing up for their role in UFL.

Helping the band stay alert, alive, and in tune, the band does not pull long shifts.

Instead, they uses shorter shift to prevent burn-out and allow them to practice their instruments.

"We bring our instruments everywhere we go," Campbell said.

He further explained that the ability level of playing an instrument fluctuates. Soldiers cannot just put their horns down for a month, then pick them back up and expect to play at the same level.

Also motivating them to practice is their monthly itinerary.

"We have to practice. We have a full schedule for September," Campbell said.

As for their UFL mission, even that does not stop the band from performing. During the exercise, part of them will

perform at the Daegu American School.

"That's just the way it goes when you're the best band in the Army," he said.



Spc. Monique Lettay, right, with the 8th Army Band, sorts through Capt. Connie Cambell, HHC 8th Personnel Commands bag at a inspection point during the UFL 2002 exercise. (photo by Pfc. William J. Addison)

Support Operations has what soldiers need for any mission

Cpl. Jang, Dong-woo
19th TSC Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY- The Ulchi Focus Lens 2002 exercise has kicked-off, and all players are in position to take care of business.

UFL is a Republic of Korea and U.S. combined joint training exercise designed to evaluate and improve coordination, procedures, plans and systems for conducting contingency operations between ROK and U.S. Forces.

19th Theater Support Command's Support Operations plays a heavily responsible role throughout the exercise. They are the people who make sure all the "life support" is maintained and up to standard during the exercise, before the fight and through out the fight, explained Sgt. Maj. Samuel J. Barfield, 19th TSC Support Operations.

Support Operations for the 19th TSC also serves as a theater distribution management center in wartime situations.

"We have a very large mission. We have the Non-combatant Evacuation Operation, to ensure we evacuate all non-combatants from the peninsula," said Barfield. "That in itself is a big mission. We also provide detail directives, prepare maintenance plans, serve as a theater distribution manager, and provide all the mission supplies and essentials."

Barfield continued by explaining some the various divisions' roles within Support Operations. "We are the eyes and ears for the commanding general," he said. Aviation and Maintenance divisions provide theater support throughout the peninsula.

Their field services and supply division provides services such as mortuary affairs.

With all the tasks and responsibilities, work would be hectic for 19th TSC Support Operations, if not for its large staff. Their staff numbers in the hundreds, which includes many Defense Department civilians and five sergeant majors to run the different Plans, distribution management center, maintenance, Petroleum/field service, supply, host nation support, and ammo divisions.

"When it comes to maintaining ammo, food, water, rations, fuel, transportation, blood," said Barfield "you name it, we got it."



Cpl. Park, Hun-il, Headquarters, Headquarters Company 19th Theater Support Command, Support Operations, going through supplies making sure that there's a sufficient amount of everything.

Cadet gains experience by training in Area IV

Story, photo Cpl. Kim, Won-joong
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY -- An old Chinese proverb says, "It's better to see once than to hear it a hundred times, and better to

experience it once than to see it a hundred times."

U.S. Military Academy cadet Andrea L. Babcock experienced that proverb firsthand here through the Army's Cadet Troop

Leader Training this summer.

The program places U.S. Military Academy and Reserve Office Training Corps cadets in active duty Army units at a platoon-level or equal positions to give them an opportunity to hone their leadership skills through realistic, practical and challenging positions.

It also gives cadets a realistic glimpse into the Army's lifestyle, which they will lead after being commissioned.

Babcock spent the past month with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 20th Support Group, interacting with soldiers and shadowing a second lieutenant of their branch of choice to learn about their future duties.

"I think the best part is meeting the actual soldiers because I usually train just with cadets," Babcock said. "I get to talk to them and see what they go through everyday, and just learn what my routine would be like as an officer.

"The most challenging part was actually seeing what I was gonna do," she said. "We talk about it so much, but it is totally different from what I expected. I've been basically just studying what an infantry platoon leader would do. Just seeing how a headquarters company works was challenging and difficult to adjust to, but a good experience overall."

2nd Lt. Matthew Messerschmitt, the HHC, 20th ASG executive officer, is charged with ensuring that Babcock gets the most out of the experience.

"She's great," he said. "From the

moment she got here, she made this really easy. She just really wants to get involved and get training anywhere she can. She actively sought opportunity training, got with the platoon sergeants, and was very interactive."

"She will be highly successful as long as she employs the principles that she's observed while she was here on her cadet training program," said 1st Sgt. Stephen P. Widener, HHC, 20th Spt. Grp. "I feel she'll probably make a very good officer."

During her stay, Babcock helped to plan M16 range training, participated in a leader's reconnaissance for fourth platoon's road march, and represented the company in Camp Casey's 10-mile run.

The 21 year old Florida native also observed 4th Quartermaster Detachment airborne operations, shadowed the food service officer, observed meetings where upcoming company training was planned, and performed maintenance on a Light Medium Tactical Vehicle and High Mobility Military Vehicle.

Amidst all this, she maintained a high level of interaction with the soldiers and enjoyed the experience.

"Everyone's been really nice to me," she said. "I think they are real people now, not just something that I study about, so it's nice."

Babcock began her training here on July 8 and finished it on Aug. 9. She has since returned to West Point for her senior year.

Cadet 1st Class Kafi A. Joseph simultaneously completed the CTLT program at Camp Hialeah.



Sgt. Patrick Garcia, HHC 20th, ASG soldier, shows Cadet Andrea L. Babcock the steps in checking a HUMVEE's transmission fluid. Babcock was here conducting Cadet Troop Leader Training.

Navy sailors learn to wear Army's combat gear



Story, photos by Navy JOS Michael S. Howlett
CNFK Public Affairs Office

One of the biggest adjustments for sailors arriving in Korea is wearing a camouflage uniform. Now add to the uniform the "extras" that go with it, and you've got a confused lot.

While Army personnel live and breathe TA-50 combat gear, it's a whole different story for the sailors. That's why U.S. Naval Forces Korea has been conducting extra training for sailors in Korea to familiarize them with the gear.

Spearheading the training is Electronics Technician First Class Mark Allen. Allen is experienced in the proper use and wear of the TA-50 gear from his tour in Bosnia when he was assigned to a Seabee unit.

"I'm not an expert and I'm not a certified trainer, but I have worn this stuff in a real combat situation. That makes me qualified to help out my fellow sailors learn how to use [TA-50 gear]," said Allen.

Allen has conducted several training sessions during the past month. The training starts with everyone unpacking their issued gear. Learning takes place from the ground up in this class. Allen goes over each piece of equipment and how to fit and stow it.

He is assisted by two Navy members who have also spent some time in TA-50 gear. They wander the room and help sailors adjust straps, fold gear

and place it properly, leaving Allen free to speak to the group as a whole.

"You want this gear to be uniformly stowed," said Allen. "If you are in a real combat situation and you have to grab someone else's gear, you want to know where everything is," he said. "This way we teach you will do just that, that way you'll be able to reach back and grab that rain poncho if you need it," he said.

The sailors attending the class are pleased to be taught the right way to use the gear. "I'm so glad we're doing it. We're barely ignorant enough to use a weapon. Least we can do is know how to fold a sleeping bag," said Yeoman First Class Keith Norton.

"It's good training, just what we needed," said Information Systems Technician Seaman Edith Martinez. She is a junior sailor stationed in Yongsan who, like many sailors here, has never worn TA-50 gear before. "When I came into the Navy I was expecting to wear coveralls, not camouflage," she said.

It may not necessarily be expert certification, but it is valuable training for sailors in Korea. The initiative displayed by Allen to arrange this training shows the dedication of Navy leadership to take care of its sailors.

No one hopes to be in a situation where they have to use the gear, but should it happen, at least CNFK sailors will have their gear packed, fitted, and ready to go.

Navy Electronics Technician Jason Palmer, is helped with his ruck-sack at an Army TA-50 gear training class for sailors stationed in Korea. The purpose of the training was to familiarize sailors with the elements of their gear, and how to properly wear it.

Noncommissioned officers are guided to Be, Know, Do whats right for soldiers

Margaret Banish-Donaldson
Area I Public Affairs Office

Area I's Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Jackson Sr. shared his "people first" philosophy as the keynote speaker at the 302nd Forward Support Battalion's noncommissioned induction ceremony. The event was held Aug. 20 at Camp Casey's Happy Mountain Chapel.

The Command Sgt. Maj. devotes the majority of his time traveling throughout Warrior Country talking to soldiers and their families. His primary goal, he said, is to discover and address the concerns of soldiers as well as provide them with his guidance and expectations.

Addressing the group of officers and enlisted soldiers, he reflected on what he believes are the key elements one must exist for NCOs to become great leaders. "Paramount," he said, is that NCOs must take care of soldiers.

"It's pretty simple," Jackson said. "Commissioned and noncommissioned officers are responsible to train soldiers," he said. As important as training is, Jackson explained, it is but one of the three pillars of responsibility for NCOs.

"I expect them to lead, train and care for soldiers," said Jackson. "Caring doesn't mean one needs to make things easy. Caring is causing soldiers to adhere to standards, enforcing standards and maintaining standards. It's making soldiers do something they don't want to do perhaps."

Jackson emphasized an important aspect of leadership is for leaders to focus on subordinates and peers.

"The be, know and do. Be a person of character with beliefs, values and norms."

"The NCO is not worried about his next job," said Jackson. "He's not worried about his next promotion. His focus is right. His center of attention is down on the soldiers, and he takes his time and energy to take care of his soldiers. That's true selfless service. That's all the matters. You have to believe that, with an attitude you start at the bottom and work up toward the top."

Jackson also told them as NCOs they would encounter challenges, as those before have, but reminded them to keep their head in the game! Be positive, stay focused, calm, effective and resourceful, for those are the marks of true leadership. The uncertainty, which often surrounds complex situations, can create confusion, misinformation and emotionalism. A leader who is calm under pressure exudes remarkable confidence that can inspire subordinates to great achievements.

"Today, as in the past, you have a power over those you lead," he said. "It is an obligation one should never take lightly. You are a role model. Either good or bad, being a role model is the most powerful form of education."

Senior NCOs today are the most powerful force on the face of the planet, he said. "Sitting before you today is the

future of that force," Jackson said. "You know what you have to do to ensure we continue to be the most lethal Army ever."

The Army remains committed to improve the quality of life and service throughout the force, he said. "The Noncommissioned Officers' Corps is in great shape ... our NCOs are doing great things all over the world, they are doing a great job to lead and train soldiers, and I am very, very proud of those noncommissioned officers out there."

Following his remarks, Command Sgt. Maj. Jason K. Kim, 1st Sgt. Carolyn Toeran and Staff Sgt. Gwen Haliburton inducted eight soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division 302nd FSB into the noncommissioned corps: Sgt. Talmadge Martin, Sgt. Brandon D. Stockman, Sgt. Samuel D. Lawhorn, Sgt. Adrianna Marte, Sgt. Venessa Mitchell, Cpl. Seung Hoon Yoo, Cpl. Jan Hyuk Lee, and Cpl. Min Sung Kim.



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Mega Case Lot Sale

Camp Casey Commissary will join other commissaries world-wide in a "Mega Case Lot Sale" Sept. 14 - 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be 30 to 65 percent off items.

For more information, please call your local commissary.

Xtreme Wrestling

Xtreme wrestling comes to the Camp Casey Gym Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

The main event: Gangrel w/Luna vs. Head Shrinker "Shamu" (as seen on TV)

For more information, please connect Camp Casey Gym.

Block Partys

There will be a Block Party Sept. 1 starting at 2 p.m. located between the Commissary and Post Theater. Come out and enjoy live music and barbeque.

Camp Red Cloud will have a block party Sept 2 starting at 2 p.m. on the field next to the helipad across from the TMC and Div HQ. There will be live music and barbeque.



Attention

Anyone having a claim against the estate of Lt. Col. Andrew Boyd of HHC, 18th Medical Command must contact MAJ Tami Strait at DSN 736-7002.

Command and General Staff Officers Course

The 4960th Army Reserve School will be instructing CGSOC phase I and III, on Yongsan South Post, beginning in Oct. Classes will be held one weekend per month beginning Oct. 19-20 and ending June 8, 2003. Eligible Officers include Majors and Promotable Captains of any service component.

For information call Lt. Col. Alexander 732-8778, or Lt. Col. Davenport 723-4394.

Asbestos Awareness Class

DPW Environmental is Sponsoring an Asbestos Awareness Class at the DPW Conference Room, Bldg#1382, Main Post, Yongsan. A Korean class will be held Sept. 18, from 9:30 -11:30 a.m. Sept. 18 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. will be in English. For more information, call 724-7214/6151.

2002 8th Army Team Triathlon

A Triathlon competition will be held at Camp Casey starting at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 7. For additional info contact the sports office at 738-8608.

Clinic limits hours for FTX

All services at the Camp Humphreys clinic will remain open but will operate under minimal staffing conditions Sept. 7-15 for a field training exercise.

Limited resources may increase waiting times. Thank you for your cooperation. Call 753-8116 for more information.

Coffee slated for chatter

The "community coffee" for spouses to get together is scheduled the second Monday of the month, at Bldg. 1707 Heater Drive, behind Freedom Chapel. For more information, call Gina Frace, 753-8854 or 019-816-3310

Spouses SOAR at Humphreys

SOAR covers community resources, local customs, culture, language and history. Get in on this month's class by registering before Sept. 18.

Also, mark your calendar for the Sept. 23-24 workshop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ACS

For more information, call 753-8782 or 8401

Learn language, culture free

Army Community Service has Korean culture and language classes to enhance your tour every Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 311.

Call 753-8782 or 8401 for more information.

Post Office Hours

All AREA IV Army post offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday , 2-3 September, for the Labor Day.

All post offices will resume their normal schedules on Wednesday, 4 September. For more information, call 764-4166/4162.

BOSS Pool Party

Break-out your swim suits and head to Camp Henry's pool for the BOSS Pool party today from 7 to 11 p.m.

For more information, call 768-8501.

Checkbook management class

Checkbook management classes are held 9 - 10:30 a.m. every Tuesdays at the Camp Henry Army Community Service.

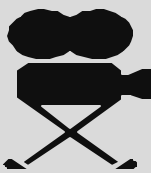
For more information, call 768-7112.

Sept. 11 memorial, retreat

The 19th TSC and 20th ASG will conduct a Memorial and Retreat Ceremony beginning Sept. 11at 3:30 p.m.

It will be held in the vicinity of the 19th TSC Headquarters to honor service members killed during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

To submit information for publication in *The Southern Star Weekly*, call 768-8643, or fax your news to 768-6644, c/o *Southern Star Weekly* editor, or e-mail LawryS@usfk.korea.army.mil.



AT THE MOVIES

Check your local AAFES Theater for showtimes and admission. Movies subject to change without notice.

Ag	Cloud	Stanley	Casey	Yongsan	Hovey	Page	Humphreys	Henry	Pusan
30	Austin Powers In Goldmember	Bad Company	Bad Company	Scooby-Doo	Bad Company		Signs	Bad Company	Austin Powers In Goldmember
31	Windtalkers		Windtalkers	Scooby-Doo	Austin Powers In Goldmember		Signs -M Scooby-Doo	Austin Powers In Goldmember	Divine Secrets Of The Ya Ya Sisterhood
1	Windtalkers	Windtalkers	Austin Powers In Goldmember		Windtalkers	Road to Perdition	Windtalkers	Austin Powers In Goldmember-M Scooby-Doo	Bad Company
2	Scooby-Doo		Austin Powers In Goldmember		Windtalkers		Windtalkers	Windtalkers	
3	The Bourne Identity	Scooby-Doo	Windtalkers		Austin Powers In Goldmember	The New Guy	The Bourne Identity		
4		Signs	Scooby-Doo		Scooby-Doo		The Bourne Identity		
5	Signs	The Bourne Identity	The Bourn Identity		The Bourne Identity	Unfaithful	Blood Work		

Improper BAH claims get soldiers in trouble

Tammy Parsons
Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – An increase in the number of soldiers who have claimed Basic Allowance for Housing at an incorrect dependent location, for the purposes of monetary gain, has been seen across Korea. As a result, aggressive measures have been undertaken to identify these individuals and appropriate punitive measures have been taken against these soldiers.

During the months of May and June in Area III alone, four individuals were tried by Army General Court-Martial and either pled guilty or were found guilty of BAH fraud and sentenced to reductions in rank, confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, fined and dismissed from service or discharged for bad conduct.

“This appears to be more of a problem right now because there has been more attention focused on this issue and we appear to have a had a lot of these types of cases being identified over a short period of time,” said Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Prester, B Det., 176th Finance Bn., chief of Military Pay.

The new focus on this area began last summer and these are the cases that are now coming into the legal system for possible action against the soldiers involved.

Upon arrival to Korea, DA form 5960 is filled out at the service member’s in-processing briefing. All information relative to the soldier’s marital status and location of dependents is properly and accurately annotated at that time. The brief is simple and the form is reviewed by

finance personnel before the soldiers leave the briefing. Any questions a soldier has about completing the form can be asked at that time, and mistakes can easily be corrected.

“A finance representative will review all completed documents that are submitted during the One Stop In-Processing and ensure that they are completed correctly and if the finance representative has questions concerning the documents he/she will advise the section NCOIC who will contact the soldier,” Prester said.

He explained that they usually give the soldiers the opportunity to correct any wrong information, but the longer they wait, the more problems this can create for the soldier in terms of getting his or her correct pay and allowances in a timely manner.

“If a soldier comes to us a week or so after completing his paperwork and says he may have made a mistake, then we can fix it without any problem. Honest mistakes do happen,” Prester said.

If a soldier’s information changes during his tour, it is his responsibility to notify the local finance office of the changes made. The longer the service member waits to correct his paperwork, the larger the risk of overpayment of entitlements happening.

BAH is a monthly entitlement for housing and authorized for members with or without dependents. Entitlements to BAH vary according to grade, dependency status, and permanent duty station assigned. Service members assigned to a dependent restricted tour are authorized

BAH with a dependent rate at their dependent’s location state-side, regardless of the amount of rent paid. Effective Jan. 1, 1998, BAH is payable based on location and not rent or mortgage amount.

Personnel Action Clerks are another source a soldier can use to have general finance questions answered. B Det, 176th Finance Bn., holds PAC certification courses quarterly, which gives them the knowledge to answer general finance questions or help soldiers with finance forms.

PAC visits are also done monthly to random units around Area III. These visits are a time for the PACs to have any of their questions answered or paperwork reviewed.

“The information is out there for the soldiers, they just need to ask the finance office or their PAC when they have questions,” Prester said.

Soldiers are reminded of the serious consequences that can result from submitting fraudulent claims against the government. It is the soldier’s responsibility to know his or her entitlements and to immediately report any changes to the finance office.

“I believe 99.9 percent of all soldiers want to do the right thing. But there are a few out there who think they can beat the system,” Prester said. “And those are the ones getting caught.”

When questions arise as to the correctness of entitlements, seek assistance from the local finance office.

Note: 2nd Lt. Nina Hermann and Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Prester, both of B Det., 176th Finance Bn., contributed to this article.

19th TSC soldier writes by day, drums by night

Pvt. Kim, Yoon-il
19th TSC Public Affairs Office

By day, he is a journalist for the 19th Theater Support Command’s Public Affairs Office, but once he is out during the weekends, he becomes an underground drummer for his band ‘Yame’. This mysterious ‘rocker’ is none other than Southern Star Weekly’s Cpl. Jang Dong-woo.

Two bands, Xylitol and Yame went head to head to celebrate the Korean National Independence Day at a small club ‘Pang’ near Yonsei University in Seoul, Aug. 15.

The small club could allow no more than a 100 people and the sound system provided by the club was in rough shape. But that did not stop the celebration. After setting up their equipment and adjusting towards the mediocre sound quality, Group Xylitol stirred up the crowd with some rock music.

As Yame came on stage, the music was pumping the crowd was going crazy. The highlight of this night was Yame’s drummer CPL Jang Dong-woo, who started their set with a solo guitar ballad.

The group Yame, which was formed approximately a month ago, consists of five members Jang, Kwak Jae-ho, Han Seung-wook, Edward J. Target, and Homa

Tatsuro. Jang, Kwak Jae-ho and Han Seung-wook knew each other back when they went to Yonsei University, Target, who is from England, currently attends the Yonsei University Korean Language School, and Homa is an exchange student at Suh Kang University from Japan.

“The band was formed pretty casually. Some of us knew each other from the past and others were introduced from friends who knew other friends,” said Han “Most of the people who showed up to celebrate the two bands first concert were close friends and family members.”

“By performing in this band, it gives me the opportunity to remind myself that I

have accomplished something that I really enjoy doing as well.”

“It will be something I can tell my children about in the future,” said Han, the vocalist. The group Yame played music from many genres such as Korean pop, rock, alternative, hip-hop and ballads this.

“Our style is hard to describe, somewhat gloomy on one side while energetic on the other. We just like to play what we like in the end,” Target said.

“It was a great opportunity for our band to show others what we are made of, but I know that we can do better in the future if we practice some more,” Jang said.



Cpl. Jang, Dong-woo, a Headquarters, Headquarters Company 19th, Theater Support Command soldier, plays the drums for his band, Yame, at the small club in Seoul Aug. 15 while on leave.

The band formed about two months ago, as a way to have fun and play music.

194th welcomes new commander

Spc. Tricia O. Ortiz
Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS -- Lt. Col. Kevin W. McRee assumed command of the 194th Maintenance Battalion during a change of command ceremony held Aug. 2 at Camp Humphreys’ Freedom’s Field.

He succeeded Lt. Col. Tracy A. Cleaver, who was reassigned as the Quartermaster branch chief, U.S. Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM), in Alexandria, Va.

McRee is an experienced logistician and a gifted leader. Remember that tough leadership must always be accompanied by fairness and compassion. McRee get ready for the ride of your life,” said Col. Ronald G. Isom, commander, 23rd Area Support Group.

“This is the best day of my military career. I look forward working and playing together over the next two years,” said McRee.

DOD’s comptroller visits Korea

8th Army Public Affairs Office

SEOUL -- The Honorable Dov S. Zakeim, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Defense, visited the Republic of Korea Aug. 12-15.

Dr. Zakheim is met with Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, United States Forces Korea commander, and other USFK officials to receive reports on important issues to the command.

He also met with U.S. Ambassador to Korea Thomas Hubbard, Korea’s Minister of National Defense Lee, Jun and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Choe, Song Hong.

Dr. Zakheim later met with the Rev. Billie Kim, senior pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Suwon. Kim organized the collection of \$110,000 from Korean Christian Council churches after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Kim presented the money personally to Dr. Zakheim in May at the Pentagon.

Kim’s efforts in collecting money for the families of victims in the Pentagon attack shows the close and warm bond people of Korea and the United States share, Dr. Zakheim said.

Korea and the United States are joined in an alliance that remains stronger than ever today and will continue to grow because of the commitment and caring both countries have to peace, he said.

